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## BANK OF AMERICA ROBBERY

(Suspect Captured on Surveillance)

\*\* Surveillance Video Available Upon Request

On August 15, 2006 at approximately 9:00AM, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received a 911 call from employees at the Bank of America located at 2300 East Sunrise Boulevard. Officers immediately responded to the scene; however they were unable to locate the suspect who had fled the area.

Detectives arrived on scene and learned that the suspect entered the bank shortly after they opened and proceeded to speak with a teller about banking transactions. Moments into their conversation, the suspect told the teller he had a gun in his waistband and demanded money. The teller complied and the suspect swiftly headed towards the exit.

A customer at the bank had been standing in line behind the suspect and had overheard the threat of a gun and saw the suspect grab money from the teller. As the suspect went towards the exit, the customer ran after him and tried to leg sweep the suspect. The suspect ran through the parking lot and the customer was unable to stop him. During the short chase, the customer saw the suspect drop his glasses on the ground, which were turned over to detectives.

The suspect is described as a w/m, 45 - 55 years of age, 5'8" - 5'9", medium build and a bald head. He was wearing an aqua blue long t-shirt, multi-colored long shorts and white socks.

Anyone with information regarding this bank robbery is asked to call Detective Donald Gauntner at 954-828-5527 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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